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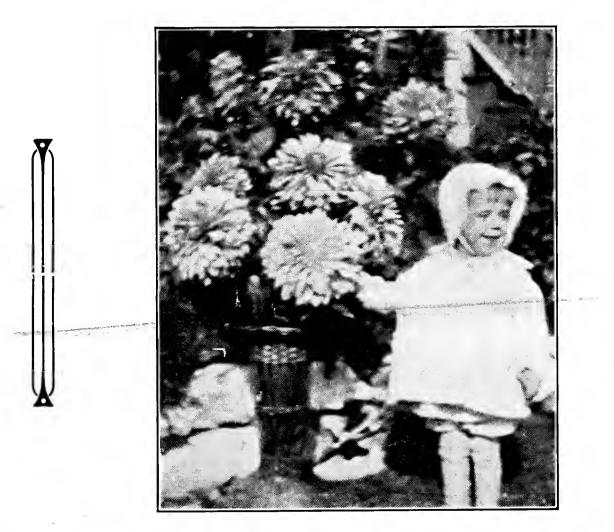
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Gardens located two blocks west of Elm School just off State Route No. 7

### TWO BEAUTIES





GREETINGS: To our dahlia friends and customers.

We take great pleasure in handing you our 1933 catalog. The varieties listed have proven their ability to grow for us, by producing strong growth and plenty of bloom. We don't try to see how many varieties we can grow, but try to grow the best.

#### GENERAL INFORMATION

Stock of some of the varieties is limited, so to avoid disappointment please order early. All orders will be filled strictly in rotation, stock will be reserved, as the orders are received, and shipped at the time desired.

#### **GUARANTEE**

While we exercise every care in filling of orders for roots and only send out what we honestly think will grow, we do not guarantee any root that is shipped before March 15th. After that date roots will be guaranteed, and will be replaced free of charge if they should prove blind. Many of the failures with plants and roots are due to causes entirely beyond our control, such as weather, or soil conditions, bad planting, etc., and while we take the greatest care to send out only stock which will produce satisfactory results, we cannot be held responsible for failure.

#### REFERENCES

We refer you to the People's Savings Bank or to any reliable merchant in our city, in regards to our honesty and integrity.

#### ROOTS

The size of the roots varies according to the variety. A large root does not always result in a large plant or flower. The essential thing is a strong, healthy field-grown root, showing a growing eye or sprout. We send no roots with broken necks. Nothing but strong, healthy roots in growing condition are shipped. Shipped prepaid when order amounts to \$2.00 or over. Our roots are grown in potash treated soil.

#### GREEN PLANTS

We make a specialty of green plants. They are properly grown, packed well, and safe delivery is guaranteed anywhere within the United States. Plants are ready about May 1st, but recommend from May 15th to June 15th as the best time to plant them out. Although they require a little more care in planting than roots, and will not mature as quickly, yet they will give good satisfaction, and often produce larger flowers than roots. The price of plants being generally less than half the price of roots, affords many an opportunity to try out the newer introductions at a greatly reduced expenditure. We make no charge for packing and prepay transportation charges when order amounts to \$3.00 or over, add 25c for postage for orders under \$3.00. Plant them as soon as they arrive, water thoroughly, and shade them during the hottest hours of the first few days. Then you will have sturdy Dahlia plants established, without waiting two weeks or more as required by roots.

### COMMERCIAL GROWERS

We cater to a high class retail trade, but we will allow the usual trade discount on our own introductions and on other varieties where our stock will permit, except where prices are marked NET. Write for discount mentioning varieties wanted.

### PATRICIA ANN (Formal Decorative) Our Origination

Picric yellow, blending into alizerine pink. Flowering habits, prolific, extra heavy stem facing upward. Ideal cane stem and one hard to beat. Can be grown 10 to 11 inches easily and we have had some bloom 13 inches. Received Certificate of Merit at American Dahlia Society trial grounds at Storrs in 1930, scoring 87. In 1932 at West Virginia Dahlia Society show it won first prize in yellow class as best specimen bloom, also won first prize in the vase of three blooms against a field of twenty-two entries. It won for us, why not for you?

Roots \$5.00. Plants \$2.50.

#### AMELIA EARHART (Cordes-Eastman) Semi-Cactus

The color and formation are real artistic, coral shade with stem and plant growth perfect. Winner of American Home Achievement Medal at New York and Baltimore, also winner for largest flower at Baltimore and Washington.

Plants only \$7.50.

### JEROME KERN (Veile & Mendham) Informal Decorative

A long petalled, graceful flower with a back ground of shrimp pink with decided tints of gold and bronze. A clean cut beauty and will keep for days after cut. Winner of Sweepstake at Atlantic City and also won the Darnell cup for best keeping dahlia at New York show.

Plants only \$7.50.

### JANE DEW (Dew-Ruschmohr) Informal Decorative

The description of this dahlia we might say is the pinkest of pink dahlias. A real dahlia in every way as we have watched this one ever since its origination. On Derrill W. Harts Honor Roll for 1932.

Plants only \$5.00.

#### COLONIAL DAME (Veile & Mendham) Semi-Cactus

A beautiful semi-cactus with a clear lavender shading to a blue in the sunlight, but in all a live clean cut color. On the Honor Roll for 1932.

Plants only \$5.00.

# KEMP'S WHITE WONDER (Kemp) Informal Decorative

The white we have been looking for which the originator claims is the greatest white informal decorative to date. A vigorous grower on cane like stems. Blooms average 11 to 12 inches across by 8 inches deep. On the 1932 Honor Roll.

Plants only \$7.50.

### MEADOWBROOK (Bryenton-Ruschmohr) Formal Decorative

Color, light mallow purple with edges of mallow pink. Excellent flowering habits. Can be grown to large size, long cane-like stem. Leathery foliage. In 1929 this wonderful variety received the highest scoring of any dahlia. Won first in Formal Decorative class. Open to all. New York, 1931.

Roots \$4.50. Plants \$2.00.

#### KATHLEEN NORRIS Informal Decorative

In our opinion, the greatest pink dahlia ever introduced. Imagine a bloom 10 or more inches in diameter and 6 inches deep on very fine stems, and this is not unusual. The color is true rose pink, but paler in the central petals. Petals are broad and overlapping with twisted ends, full and tight centers. A stiff stem 12 to 14 inches to the first set of leaves under the flowers. This dahlia has taken its place alongside of the best introductions and we are certain it will remain there.

Roots \$2.00.

### MONMOUTH CHAMPION (Kemp) Formal Decorative

One of the largest of the 1930 introductions. A brilliant orange flame colored decorative of immense size that will produce 9-inch blooms under field culture, and with care and attention one can give a plant in an ordinary garden, will give you bloom that will measure 12 inches and several of them at one time. Wonderful keeper when cut. Several blooms at Atlantic City Show lasted four days in the exhibit. Plant is a strong, vigorous grower, wide spreading, with long slender side shoots each of which will produce fine exhibition bloom. Foliage dark green, stems rigid as canes and very straight. Highly recommended.

**Roots \$1.25.** 

#### ELITE GLORY (Kennedy)

This wonderful exhibition dahlia was introduced about eight years ago, and for the past three years has been seldom seen on the exhibition table. This year it has staged a wonderful come-back, both in the field and the shows. A monstrous flower of a brilliant rich red without any apparent purple or maroon shading. Blooms and foliage gigantic in size, stems straight and strong. Especially fine keeping qualities as a cut flower.

Roots 75c.

### MARGARET WOODROW WILSON (F. & M.) Informal Decorative

An exhibition type, of large size and great beauty. Color is opalescent-pink. Face of petals, creamy white; reverse Phlox-pink, the reflection from reverse of petals giving the whole flower an opalescent effect. Petals are broad and well placed, terminating in points, making a thick flower. Strong upright stems, dark green foliage, medium height. A dahlia for all who want beauty, size and stem.

Roots 50c.

#### BAGDAD (Redfern)

Bloom 10 x 4 inches, Bush 6 feet. This dahlia proved very satisfactory and promising for us. It is a beautiful brilliant scarlet flame of wonderful size. Good bush growth and a good bloomer. The long stems hold blooms high above the bush. Should be a popular winner in the showroom.

Roots \$3.00.

# ELIZA LONDON SHEPARD (Peacock)

Bloom 9 x 4 inches, Bush 5 ft. The rich coloring of this dahlia makes it very attractive. Bright golden orange apricot so blended that it makes a one-tone spectacular flower. Blooms of good substance with full centers are borne on long, stiff stems. Strong, upright grower and free bloomer.

Roots \$2.00.

#### JIM MOORE (Loller)

Bloom 10 x 4 inches, Bush  $5\frac{1}{2}$  feet. A dahlia worthy of space in anyone's garden. It is distinctive in form and color. The petals are long and regular, rolling back at tips, while the color is a primrose yellow shaded gold and suffused salmon. A good healthy grower.

Roots \$2.00.

#### JEAN TRIMBEE (Trimbee)

Bloom 10 x 5 inches, Bush 5 ft. A dahlia that is classified as a Semi-Cactus, but really should be in the Informal Decorative Class, out of fairness to the former class. The petals are heavy, and not only are they revolute, but they curl and twist, making a massive yet artistic flower of a beautiful petunia violet. Strong, vigorous grower.

Roots \$3.00. Plants \$1.50.

### EAGLE ROCK FANTASY (Broomall-Success)

Bloom 11 x 5 inches, Bush 6 feet. Imposing and beautiful in form and color. Huge broad florets tapering and tastefully notched at tips. Clear mallow pink or violet rose with silver shadings. The habits of this variety are ideal, the best of stems that are long and erect with the huge bloom set just right to look one straight in the face. The foliage is medium dark green and seems to be immune to insect attack.

Roots \$5.00. Plants \$2.50.

#### FRAU O. BRACHT (Berger)

Bloom 8 x 4, Bush 5 ft. We believe this fine dahlia will win a host of friends in this country. It is a wonderful cut flower as well as a great prize winner at the shows. A clean-cut, straight-petaled cactus of a clear, light primrose yellow, keeping well and holding blooms on fine stems. A. D. S. Cert., 1929. It is just about the prettiest yellow cactus dahlia you can wish for.

Roots \$2.00.

#### THOMAS A. EDISON (Dahliadel)

Bloom 9 x 4 inches, Bush 4 feet. This gorgeous dahlia, selected and named by permission of the famous electrical wizard, has had its good share of winnings the past season in the West as well as in the East. In the garden it is impressive with its staghorn petal formation, the large, dark green, insect-resistant foliage, the cane-stiff stems, the thrifty growth, and greatest of all, that color, found in no other dahlia, which is as hard to describe as to reproduce in color. It may be described as a royal purple. Received A. D. S. Certificate in 1929 and was recommended for Certificate, D. S. of N. J., 1930. This dahlia is a slow grower and will therefore stand fairly good culture with safety, and should not be topped back. We are confident it will please you.

Roots \$1.00.

#### GIRL OF HILLCREST (Scott-Kemp)

Bloom 10 x 4 inches, Bush 6 ft. This excellent dahlia is classified as an Informal Decorative, but at times it is almost a Semi-Cactus. Flowers are artistic and well formed. Color, bright apricot buff; also described as a Mikado orange. Plants are very vigorous growers. Stems long and erect. In all, it is a very fine variety.

Plants only \$2.50.

### QUEEN OF THE GARDEN BEAUTIFUL (Burns)

Bloom 10 x 4, Bush  $4\frac{1}{2}$  ft. This distinctive and interesting dahlia originated in the famous garden of San Quentin Prison. An immense primrose yellow, facing upward on strong stems. An occasional bloom has a green center, but is so massive that we easily overlook the imperfection.

Roots 50c.

#### THE COMMODORE (Scott-Kemp)

Bloom 12 x 5 inches, Bush 4 feet. A nice clean-growing, bright lemon yellow that won the American Home Achievement Medal at Baltimore. Also best undisseminated seedling at Red Bank. The stems are long and erect and form is pleasing.

Roots \$4.50. Plants \$2.00.

#### NEW GLORY (Trostle) Semi-Cactus

This new creation won several prizes on the Pacific Coast in keen competition in 1930. It is large, standing on a long, stiff stem, vigorous bushes, very free bloomer. A light ox-blood red with tips of petals blazed with white. The petals have a charming quilled effect near points.

Roots \$1.00.

#### MRS. I. DE VER WARNER (Marean)

A blossom of soft orchid coloring seldom appearing in the gay garb of the dahlia family. For its charming color, large blooms, and for its very long, strong, wiry stems this variety immediately attracts attention wherever grown or exhibited. It is a refined deep mauve pink, beautifully formed, exquisite shade, and acknowledged by all dahlia experts who have had the pleasure of growing it to be one of the finest dahlias ever produced. A large exhibition variety that is a free bloomer.

Roots 25c.

#### IDA PERKINS (Montrose)

Bloom 8 x 4 inches, Bush  $5\frac{1}{2}$  feet. One of our best all-around white dahlias, of fine form, with full centers, on erect stems. A good keeper when cut. Blooms early and continuously. Dark, leathery foliage.

Roots 75c.

### KATHERINE COLE (McDowell) Formal Decorative

At the 1929 New York show this beautiful dahlia was shown under a number and won the Darnell Cup for the best keeping variety. In color it is a beautiful combination of light pink and cream. The tips of the petals are pink shading to cream in the center. The stems are long and stiff, yet not thick, and the flower is always looking you in the eye. The foliage is thick and healthy and, above all, it is a free bloomer.

Roots \$1.00.

#### KING MIDAS Informal Decorative

Color pure golden yellow, a sturdy grower, free and continuous bloomer. The stems are long, stiff and straight. Flowers can be grown to great size. A wonderful dahlia to add to your collection.

Roots \$1.00.

#### FRED W. PATTERSON (Kemp) Semi-Cactus

A seedling from the beautiful white variety Adda Patterson, but a stronger and heavier flower. The color is difficult to describe, and as near as we have been able to work it out with the aid of Ridgeway's Color Chart, the color is lavendar pink

with deep amaranth pink reverse. A beautiful flower and one of the largest in the south-central section. With us the flower averages 10 inches and over in diameter. The long, stiff stem holds the flower high above the foliage. Plant is a vigorous grower and profuse bloomer. A most excellent garden and exhibition variety.

Roots \$1.00.

#### LA RODA (Broomall)

This beautiful variety is an unusual silver rose pink shading lighter at the center with large, well-formed flowers held on strong stems. The formation is somewhat irregular, with numerous petals at the center. A good keeper for cutting. It is a shy root maker, either from roots or green plants.

**Roots \$2.50.** 

#### SANHICAN'S MAGNATE (F. & M.)

As the name indicates, one of the big fellows of the dahlia kingdom. Exhibition decorative of a pale amaranth pink; face of petal tinged with a deeper shade; reverse of petals a solid claret color, heavily veined. The large flowers are held erect on stiff stems. Free bloomer, medium height plants, dark green foliage. Awarded Certificate of Merit by Dahlia Society of New Jersey, 1925, with a score of 85.

Roots 75c.

#### POP STEWART (F. & M.)

A very satisfactory dahlia, blooming early and late on strong stems. A good grower, although not tall. Color, pure lilac pink and one of the best in this color. Dahlia Society of New Jersey Certificate.

Roots 50c.

#### DWIGHT W. MORROW (Dahliadel)

A gigantic red dahlia that is admired by everyone. Not only does its size and form make all who see it ardent admirers, but its richness of color makes it one of the most spectacular dahlias. This dahlia likes reasonably heavy soil, but should not be forced or over-watered. It responds well for us by topping once or twice. It is a healthy grower, with heavy foliage, and by far the most outstanding red dahlia we have seen. A winner in the seedling class in 1930 at Atlantic City and the past season was a popular winner in many shows.

Roots \$4.00. Plants \$2.00.

#### JERSEY'S IDEAL

A real lavender pink on fine stems. Good exhibition dahlia.

Roots 75c.

#### HARRIET THOMPSON

Brilliant orange with reverse oriental red. Strong grower. Certificate at Northwest Trial Grounds.

Roots \$1.00.

#### JERSEY'S MELODY (Waite) Semi-Cactus

Tyrian rose shading to silver on the tips with a silver reverse. A striking variety on a fine, stiff stem.

Plants only \$2.50.

#### SAGAMORE (Kirby)

This dahlia is a wonderful commercial and exhibition variety. Color, amber gold, elusively shaded with a warm salmon rose and orange buff. An open, strong grower with good stems, of uniform large size.

Roots 35c.

#### ROBERT TREAT Formal Decorative

American beauty rose in color. Strong open grower. This dahlia has good stems, and flowers of uniform size.

Roots 50c.

#### FANNIE SANDT (Veile & Mendham) Semi-Cactus

Have you noticed the scarcity of the semi-cactus varieties, since the new dahlia classification has been used? Here is a noteworthy addition and one that will go a long way toward increasing the popularity of this class. The color is intense rose pink, without any other shading. The size is huge, and the stem unbeatable. As a grower, it is faultless. The foliage is very dark and does not have to be sprayed for insects.

Plants only \$2.50.

#### FARNCOT (Davis-Fraser)

This variety always attracts attention wherever grown or shown. The color is aster purple, tipped with white; flowers of perfect form carried on top of stiff stems. One of the best keeping varieties on the market. A. D. S. Certificate.

Roots 50c.

### CITY OF TRENTON (Prentiss-F. & M.) Formal Decorative

A first class exhibition decorative in every way, a bright Autumn color defying adequate description. Face of petals a rich glowing tangerine, reverse crushed strawberry red; petals curl gracefully giving the flower a two-tone effect and creating the impression of whorls or tongues of flame radiating from a full center. Plants of tall habit of growth with thick dark green foliage.

**Roots \$1.00.** 

#### W. H. T. Formal Decorative

One of the outstanding dahlias at the A. D. S. show in 1930, an unusual shade of old rose, very large exhibition flowers produced on very strong, straight stems. Foliage dark green and insect resisting. Very fine for exhibition.

Roots \$2.00.

#### TANG Informal Decorative

A strikingly beautiful bloom of unusual color and a style all its own. Bright tawny, orange flame. Long petals that roll and twist and show a golden buff reverse to such a marked degree that the flower at first appears to have two colors. A deep, full, high centered flower with a rugged bush, strong stem and dark green foliage that pass unnoticed in the beauty of the bloom.

Roots \$4.50.

### ANDREA ERICSON (F. & M.) Informal Decorative

This outstanding pure white dahlia was a feature in the 1930 eastern shows where it attracted much attention. It is of the Informal Decorative type, and may be grown from 9 to 12 inches under good cultural conditions. Petals are very pointed and irregularly placed, giving the flower a light, fluffy appearance. Very early and free bloomer. Plants of medium height and exellent habit of growth. Leaves dark green, leathery and practically insect proof. Flowers are held well above the foliage on long, slender stiff stems.

Roots \$3.50. Plants \$1.75.

#### GOLDEN HARVEST (Success-Broomall) Semi-Cactus

This most striking sulphur yellow dahlia is of very great size, both in width and depth. The blooms are held perfectly erect on the best of stems and by disbudding it is quite possible to grow blooms as large or larger than Siskiyou. The plants are medium to tall, vigorous growers, and are a mass of bloom from early to late in the season. A fine dahlia that will make a fine reputation for itself.

Plants only \$2.50.

#### JEAN KEEFER (Keefer-Kemp)

This Informal Decorative attracted our attention as a winner in the Undisseminated Seedling Class at Atlantic City and again in the Seedling Class at Baltimore. It was originated by Dr. Keefer and named for his little daughter, Jean. You will like the large flowers, which are held on erect but slender stems. The unusual coloring is a bright rose pink shading to a silver and bright mauve at the tips of the long petals. It is a good healthy grower and is very prolific. A. D. S. Certificate. A real dahlia.

Roots \$4.00. Plants \$2.00.

#### PANSY G. WHITE (White) Semi-Cactus

A strong, rugged bush, especially so for a yellow dahlia, with long, erect stems. Blooms are uniform and of good substance. Color, clear canary yellow.

Roots \$2.00.

#### JERSEY'S BEACON Formal Decorative

This dahlia has become a universal favorite. As an exhibition flower, it has few equals in its color, but as a garden variety it is even more spectacular. The color is Chinese scarlet, with a paler reverse, giving it a two-toned effect. The flowers are large and globular in shape; it is a vigorous grower and has splendid insect-resisting foliage.

Roots 35c.

#### JERSEY'S BEAUTY (Waite) Formal Decorative

The most popular dahlia in commerce today. A glorious flower of eosine pink—a color difficult to adequately describe. As a cut flower or for exhibition it is unrivaled. Fine stems and foliage.

Roots 50c.

#### JOSEPHINE G. Honor Roll 1930 (Score 86)

Color, true rose pink, petals tipped pinard yellow. Unusual bloom formation attracts everyone. Its fluted petals, vivid coloring, proud upright blooms and splendid habits of growth make it a real addition to any collection.

Roots \$2.00.

#### MYRA HOWARD (Glutzback-Dahliadel) Informal Decorative

Winner of the American Home Achievement Medal at the A. D. S. show in New York. grand dahlia in every respect and deserves to be rated near the top with such varieties as Kathleen Norris, Jane Cowl, Fort Monmouth, Watchung Wonder, and other big fellows of the spectacular coloring and size. This is just naturally a big flower and one of the most attractive plants we have seen, with uniform, thrifty growth and plenty of bloom with extra long stems. Our impression of its color was "pure gold with a rose sheen" which glistens in the sunlight. Throughout the deep flower are conspicuous petalodes that give the flower distinction in both form and color. A seedling of Jane Cowl, and as grown in the originator's garden one of the most free flowering it has ever been our privilege to see. straight and stiff, foliage very dark green, plant of tall habit growth.

Roots \$7.50. Plants \$3.50.

### FORT MONMOUTH Informal Decorative

One of the giants of the dahlia world. The flowers are a rich crimson maroon bronze on long stiff stems high above the foliage. It begins to flower early and continues late. Has been grown to 15 inches across. Just the thing for that prominent spot in your garden.

**Roots \$1.00.** 

### FORT WASHINGTON Formal Decorative

The flowers are large and seldom seen under 10 inches. It is a deep maroon in color borne on a very stiff stem.

Roots \$1.00.

#### JANE COWL (Downs)

Bloom 10 x 6, Bush  $5\frac{1}{2}$  ft. This wonderful dahlia has been a success wherever grown. Color, a warm buff and old gold, blending to apricot and rose at the center. Bush growth is ideal with strong stems holding the giant flowers upright. A dahlia that is sure to please you, for it is large and impressive. A. D. S. Certificate.

Roots 35c.

#### COLOR SERGEANT (Hall)

Bloom 10 x 4, Bush  $5\frac{1}{2}$  ft. This striking variety is very useful as a cut flower, for landscape effect, and on the exhibition table. Color is unusual, being a rich, deep salmon bronze of one shade. D. S. of New Jersey Certificate.

**Roots \$1.00.** 

#### MRS. ALFRED B. SEAL (Seal)

Bloom 11 x 5 inches, Bush 6 feet. Color, pure glowing old rose or violet rose, but wonderfully lighted without shadings or suffusion. We know you will like it. It has size, too, for exhibition, but is a little late coming into bloom for sections with a short season.

**Roots \$1.50.** 

#### DR. JOHN CARMEN (Dixon)

Bloom 11 x 5 inches, Bush 5 feet. A dahlia you will admire, as it is large and attractive, but not coarse. Color, Tyrian rose, shaded silver. Greatly improved if grown in partial shade, as this softens the coloring. A dahlia of exceptional growing and blooming qualities suitable for landscape work, and a good keeper when cut.

Roots 60c.

#### FAITH GARIBALDI

This large exhibition dahlia is a deep rose, suffused mauve, shading lighter on outer petals, held on good stems. A strong grower and free bloomer.

Roots 50c.

#### GOOD NIGHT (Broomall)

Bloom 10 x 5 inches, Bush 5 feet. One of the prettiest dark dahlias we have had the pleasure of growing. Good throughout the season. Color, oxblood red shaded maroon. Its faults are hard to find, which is saying a great deal, as it has size, form and stem as well as being an early and profuse bloomer.

Roots \$2.00.

#### KENTUCKY RED (White)

A vivid scarlet red dahlia that will not burn nor fade. It would make a splendid addition to your collection. The attractive and insect-resistant foliage of this variety adds to its beauty. Stems upright and erect. Scored 85 at Storrs, 1931.

Roots \$5.00. Plants \$2.50.

### SHAHRAZAD (Newsom) Informal Decorative

Very large rose pink on excellent stems. It is an early and profuse bloomer. In California it is called a pink "Jane Cowl," but with us, it bears no resemblance to that celebrated variety.

Plants only \$2.50.

### CHAMPOEG (Crites) Formal Decorative

The color is like a sunrise, with the base of the petals an amber-gold, shading to a bright rose pink near the outside of the flower, then back to golden amber. Fine stem and foliage. A very unusual flower.

Roots \$3.00. Plants \$1.50.

SPECIALS: We have a limited number of dahlia roots that the labels have been lost, all good dahlias. At \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\$2.00 per Doz.

DAHLIA SEED: Limited number of dahlia seed grown from the best of exhibition dahlias, at \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\$2.50 for 50 Seeds

### ARE YOU A MEMBER?

Are you a member of the American Dahlia Society? If not, better join now. A real society to which every dahlia enthusiast should belong. Dues are \$2.00 per year which includes bulletin which will give you far more than \$2.00 worth of enjoyment. Write the secretary, C. Louis Alling, 251 Court Street, West Haven, Conn.